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BY TELETYPE OCTOBER 26, 1982, LEGAT BONN ADVISED:

DEA COUNTRY ATTACHE, AMERICAN EMBASSY, BONN, HAS PROVIDED COPY OF CABLE NUMBER 5911 DATED OCTOBER 15, 1982 FROM AMERICAN EMBASSY, BUENOS AIRES, TO DEA HEADQUARTERS AND EMBASSIES IN BOGOTA, BONN, BRASILIA, LA PAZ, LONDON, MEXICO, MONTEVIDEO, PARIS, THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS, VIENNA AND EL PASO INTELLIGENCE CENTER (EPIC), EL PASO, TEXAS. TEXT OF CABLE FOLLOWS:

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ -ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ON OCTOBER 14, 1982, A WALK-IN SOURCE OF INFORMATION OF UNKNOWN RELIABILITY PROVIDED THE BUENOS AIRES CO WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ALLEGED EXISTENCE OF A POWERFUL, POLITICALLY ORIENTED ORGANIZATION NAMED "SIGNO 21 PT". SOI REPORTED THAT PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF THIS ORGANIZATION IS THE FINANCING OF LEFTIST SUBVERSION AND TERRORIST ACTIVITIES THRU KIDNAPPING, NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AND OTHER PROFITABLE, CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. SOI STATED THAT THIS ORGANIZATION BEGAN APPROXIMATELY

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EIGHT YEARS AGO IN ITALY, BUT NOW HAS ACTIVE ELEMENTS IN MANY OTHER COUNTRIES INCLUDING WEST GERMANY, ENGLAND, FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, SWITZERLAND, AUSTRALIA, COLOMBIA, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, BOLIVIA, MEXICO, HOLLAND AND THE U. S.

3. ACCORDING TO SOI, CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES OF THIS ORGANIZATION ARE DIRECTED BY A COMMITTEE IN ITALY, HEADED BY MARIO DE BONETTO. THIS COMMITTEE HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ULTIMATE SELECTION OF TARGETS FOR KIDNAPPING, AND FOR ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THOSE SPECIALIZED GROUPS WHICH ACTUALLY CARRY OUT THE KIDNAPPINGS, NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING, AND OTHER CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

4. A FRENCHMAN, MICHELE DE LA BIGNE (V) OR BIGNET (V), WHO RESIDES IN PARIS, ALLEGEDLY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LOGISTICS (FALSE PASSPORTS, ARMS, ETC.) FOR OPERATIVES. ACCORDING TO SOI, BIGNE HAS MET ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WITH HECTOR VILLALON (V), ARGENTINE CITIZEN, AT 2 OR 20 ALIUNU BOSQUET, PLESSIS TREVISE, 94420, PARIS, FRANCE, TELEPHONE 394-1013. DURING IRANIAN HOSTAGE CRISIS, VILLALON WAS ALLEGEDLY USED AS AN INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN US AND IRANIAN NEGOTIATORS. PARIS ADDRESS IS CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY AN ARGENTINE AND AN ITALIAN WHO ARE ALLEGED TO BE

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MEMBERS OF THE "~~GRUPO ROJO~~" (RED GROUP) FACTION OF THE SIGNO 21 PT.

5. ACCORDING TO SOI, GRUPO ROJO FACTION OF SIGNO 21 PT IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN SUBVERSION AND TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES, PRINCIPALLY IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA. SOI FURTHER IDENTIFIED ~~FERNANDO RAVELLO~~ (V), CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO COLOMBIA AS AN IMPORTANT MEMBER OF THIS GROUP. ~~FRANCISCO RAVELLO~~ (V), THE BROTHER OF FERNANDO RAVELLO, IS ALLEGEDLY OPERATING IN ARGENTINA AS A CUBAN INTELLIGENCE AGENT UNDER DIRECT CONTROL OF A RUSSIAN KGB AGENT. CZECHOSLAVAKIAN DIPLOMATS, VLADISLAW SLEZAK (V) AND FNU ANTON (V) ARE ALSO ALLEGED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE GRUPO ROJO AND OPERATING IN ARGENTINA UNDER KGB DIRECTION. ~~JUAN CARLOS RIZZO~~ (V) OF UNKNOWN NATIONALITY IS ALLEGEDLY OPERATING AS AN AGENT FOR THE GROUP ROJO IN BOLIVIA UNDER SIMILAR CONTROL. RIZZO IS ALLEGED TO TRAVEL FREQUENTLY TO AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND, AND SWITZERLAND UNDER THE GUISE OF A BOOK SALESMAN.

6. SOI IDENTIFIED ~~SALVADOR DEL ROCCA~~ (V) OR DE LA ROCCA (V), AN ITALIAN NATIONAL, AND ~~OLGA TALAMANTE-CASTILLO~~ (V), MEXICAN -AMERICAN FEMALE, AS SIGNO 21 PT MEMBERS OPERATING

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IN THE AREA OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. DE LA ROCCA IS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN THE SMUGGLING OF HEROIN FROM ITALY TO CONUS AND COCAINE FROM SOUTH AMERICA TO CONUS. TALAMANTE-CASTILLO IS ALLEGEDLY ACTIVE IN THE CHICANO POLITICAL MOVEMENT. ACCORDING TO SOI SHE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, MONTONEROS FROM 1974-1976.

7. SOI SAID HE HAD LEARNED THAT THREE PERSONS IN CONUS WERE CURRENTLY CONSIDERED AS TARGETS FOR KIDNAPPING BY SIGNO 21 PT. ONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS IS ALLEGED TO BE A 4TH VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK IN NEW YORK. ANOTHER IS ALLEGED TO BE A SAUDI ARABIAN, WHO IS ACTIVE IN THE IMPORTATION OF PETROLEUM TO U. S. FROM SAUDI ARABIA. THIRD INDIVIDUAL ALLEGEDLY TARGETTED IS AMERICAN AUTHOR HAROLD ROBBINS.

8. SOI IDENTIFIED ARAB MALE, YUSEF HAGDAD (V) AS A SIGNO 21 PT OPERATIVE IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL AND CZECHOSLOVAKIAN DIPLOMAT FNU PETRAC AS SIGNO 21 PT OPERATIVE IN AUSTRALIA.

9. REQUEST ADDRESSES PROVIDE BACO WITH ANY FILE REFERENCES OR BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED INDIVIDUALS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SOI SI CONSIDRED TO BE OF QUESTIONABLE RELIABILITY AT THIS TIME.

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DEA HAS REQUESTED LEGAT CONTACT THE WEST GERMAN INTERNAL SECURITY SERVICE (BFV) (PROTECT) AND WEST GERMAN FEDERAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (BND) (PROTECT) RE PERSONS AND GROUPS IDENTIFIED IN CABLE, WHICH LEGAT WILL DO.

ABOVE PROVIDED TO FBIHQ IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE THREAT TO U. S. PERSONS.

IF NOT ALREADY DONE, LEGAT SUGGESTS FBIHQ COORDINATE WITH DEAHQ TO INSURE APPROPRIATE LEGATS ARE ADVISED OF ABOVE AND TO INSURE APPROPRIATE STEPS ARE TAKEN TO PROTECT U.S. PERSONS AND PROPERTY.

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